



County of San Mateo

Inter-Departmental Correspondence

Department: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
DISTRICT 5
File #: 21-848

Board Meeting Date: 11/9/2021

Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors
From: President David J. Canepa, District 5
Subject: Reappointment to the First 5 Commission

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommendation for the reappointment of Alexis Becerra, Mental Health Therapist with the San Mateo Union High School District, to the First 5 Commission, representing Public member, for a first full term ending December 31, 2024.

BACKGROUND:

The First 5 Commission consists of nine members (a) one member of the Board of Supervisors, (b) the director of the County of Health System, (c) the director of the County Human Services Agency, (d) the County Superintendent of Schools, and (e) five members appointed by the Board of Supervisors from among the following categories: recipients of project services included in the county strategic plan; educators specializing in early childhood development; representatives of a local child care resource or referral agency or a local child care coordinating group; representatives of a local organization for prevention of early intervention for families at risk; representatives of community-based organizations that have the goal of promoting nurturing and early childhood development; representatives of local school districts; and representatives of local medical, pediatric or obstetric associations or societies.

DISCUSSION:

Alexis Becerra was appointed to the commission in March 2019 for an existing partial term ending December 31, 2021. Upon approval of this reappointment, it will be Alexis's first full 3-year term commencing January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2024.

Alexis Becerra's current role as a mental health therapist with students at the high school level, would be an important asset to the First 5 SMC Commission's growing leadership and advocacy role throughout the county. Ms. Becerra has witnessed first-hand how at risk young people and their families progress to the high school educational system without having had crucial early intervention and prevention services at a very young age. Ms. Becerra has worked with many children and

families who are part of the cultural diversity of San Mateo County and those that we serve and support at First 5 San Mateo. Her background includes her current role as a Mental Health Therapist for the San Mateo Union High School District, as well as past experience as a Special Education Embedded School Based Mental Health Clinician and Bilingual Turning Point Clinical Case Manager for Edgewood Center for Children and Families.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.